



Legislation Text

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Adopt City Council Resolution Approving Expenditures from the Joint City/County Caspar Transfer Station Rent Account to Fund a Project Manager

City of Fort Bragg (City) and County of Mendocino (County) jointly own 60 acres in the Caspar area at the end of Prairie Way that was operated as a landfill from 1968 to 1992 and since then has operated as a Solid Waste Transfer Station. The County operated the Solid Waste Transfer Station until it executed the Operating Agreement and Lease with Solid Waste of Willits, Inc. on January 25, 2011. In January 2011, the City and County executed a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to provide for changes in how the Caspar Solid Waste Transfer Station would operate and to consider the replacement or expansion of the Transfer Station in order to accommodate commercial collection trucks and allow for long-haul direct transfer to a destination land fill.

The JPA was amended on October 25, 2016 in order to outline specific terms and obligations for moving forward with a replacement of the Caspar Transfer Station and the County Board of Supervisors and the City Council certified the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the new Transfer Station project for 30075 Highway 20 on September 19, 2016. On November 18, 2020 the Caspar Transfer Station Joint Coordinating Committee directed County staff to hire Tom Varga, retired City of Fort Bragg Public Works Director, to act as Project Manager and focus on moving the Central Coast Transfer Station project forward. The County Board of Supervisors on December 8, 2020, provided affirmative direction to hire Tom Varga, retired City of Fort Bragg Public Works Director, to act as Project Manager and focus on moving the Central Coast Transfer Station project forward. The County, under the County Department of Transportation, hired Mr. Varga as an extra help employee at a full cost of employment of \$97.61 per hour. Funds exceeding \$200,000, resulting from a \$3 per ton fee collected at the Caspar Transfer Station have accumulated for the purpose of funding costs associated with developing a Central Coast Transfer Station are available for to reimburse the County the costs associated with Mr. Varga's employment.